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publican members of the House naval committee will meet on Tuesday next to determine what action they will take with reference to the sweeping indictment made against ex-Secretary Robeson by the majority of the committee.

upon the President last night and informed him that he would not accept the position of U. S. circuit judge for the Massachusetts district, but would remain in the Cabinet. The President was greatly gratified by Gen. Devens' decision. tion. In declining it the Attorney General sacrificed his personal wishes to the pleasure of the President, who was extremely anxious that Gen. Devens should remain in the Cabinet. In anticipation of a change in the Cabinet, a score of republicans had caused their claims for the resolve will dash to the ground the hopes of the politicians that a change might be made in the composition of the Cabinet. The President will

ney's Philadelphia Progress' Paris correspondent says that great satisfaction was felt in the American colony of that city when the promot payment of the fishery award was made by this country to England. One American, whose name the correspondent does not mention, but who, it is learned, was Mr. Cornell Jewitt, at the expense of over two hundred dollars, cabled a dispatch to the President requesting him. for the sake of American honor, patriotism, and all that sort of thing, to pay the award promptly. Mr. Jewitt's motives were excellent, but a prudent citizen of the republic would have saved the expense of a cablegram, and trusted in the

session yesterday confirmed the following nominations:-Thomas Hillhouse, of New York, to be for New Mexico; G. C. Chandler, of Mississipp

the news of the week; Congressional Proceedings; the Speech of Mr. Blaine and the discus; sion which followed it; home and foreign affair, lively Local Notes; Agricultural Matters; Whit; House and Department News; Proceedings of the Courts; Choice Stories; Poems and Sketches; Agricultural and Household Matters.

farm. The supposed murderer has escaped.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of the Union League of America was in session at Philadelphia on Wednesday, and adopted a series of resolutions embedying the views of the council as to the surest methods of securing political rights of all men and the constitution,

The most confidential counsellor of Shere Ali is George Peletier, a retired French officer. The base been located in Arizona, The most confidential counsellor of Shere

The Washington Monument Commission.

30th ult. Also, copies of plan for strengthening the foundation of the monument

prepared by the engineer in charge.

together with a copy of his report re-lating thereto. Also, copy of a letter from Lieut. Col. Q. A. Gilmore, U. S. engi-neers, who was disbursing officer of the engineer

board which was detailed at the request of the

ond section of the act above referred to, to ex-

amine and report upon the stability of the

foundation of the monument, showing the

amount of money expended by the board in

examining the foundation. It may be proper to

state, while it will be found in the engineer's

estimate that the cost of securing the founda-tion according to the plan prepared by him ex-

ceeds the sum fixed by law, the commission

have limited the cost of that portion of the

work to the amount named in the joint resolu-

Very respectfully, W. W. CORCORAN, Chairman of the Joint Commission for the Com-

Enclosed in the report is a letter from Col. T.

. Casey, U. S. Engineers, to W. W. Corcoran,

dated December 2, 1878, showing the extent and

progress made in the work and the amount of

money expended to November 35th, 1878. Col.

Casey says: "On June 2sth, 1878, the engineer

received directions of commission to prepare at

s early date as practicable a project (with

drawings) for strengthening the foundation of

the monument, to the end that it may be car-

ried to a heighth of at least 525 feet above the

present top of the foundation. This project was completed on the 27th of July and for-

warded to the chairman of the joint commis-

the order of the commission requiring him to

commence the prosecution of the work for

strengthening the foundation in accordance

with the plan submitted, and the expenditure

for this purpose was limited to \$36,000, while

the expenditure of the balance of the funds

available was authorized for the purchase of

material and for performing such work in con-

judgment of the engineer might be advisable.

nection with the superstructure, as in the

erecting the necessary shops and procuring the

tools and materials for underpinning the found-

ation and for securing the top courses of the

present shaft from deterioration by the weath-

er. Up to the 30th of November the following

progress had been made: A carpenters' and

rigging shop, 28x60 feet x12; a cement store-

house, 24x100 feet x10; a blacksmith shop, 24x37

feet x12, have been buift, and the blacksmith

shop equipped with the proper tools and three

donation blocks has been renewed, and the

small rooms at either end replastered and fitted

for administrative purposes. A weighing

scale of ten tons capacity has been put up, and

a roadway from the monument to 14th street

graded and covered with broken stone. The

frame of a stone-cutting shed 36x73x16 has

been prepared to be set up when needed. Six

large wooden platforms for receiving and stor-

ing concrete materials have been erected, and a

The oak and pine timber necessary for the

framing of the first four cuts and tunnels under

the monument have been received. Five boom

derricks, to be erected about the obelisk and on

its top, are nearly completed, and all the tackl

and blocks required have been delivered. Tw

concrete mixers and two steam engines to driv

the mixers and carry the falls of the derrick

are upon the ground and are being set in posi-

derricks that were upon the top of the monu

ment have been removed, and a new staging to

carry the derrick has been put in position, jus-

below the upper surface of the monument. Two bench levels for points of reference have been

set up to the south and southwest of the monu-

ment, and spots in the foundation prepare i

from which to take a daily series of levels o

The necessary excavations for the mixer

have been made, and some 580 feet of 4-inch

drain-pipe laid to drain the water from these,

The following contracts have been made:-

Willett & Libbey, lumber; H. J. McLaughlin,

broken stone; T. T. Fowler & Co., blue-stone

meiss; J. B. White & Bro., Portland cement;

The following are the expenditures upon the

completion of the monument and strengthening of the foundation up to November 30, 1878:—

Completion of monument, \$7,787.83; strengthening of foundation, \$1,149.94.

The other reports referred to in Mr. Corco-

ran's letter were made in July last, and have

already been made public. Maps showing the plan for strengthening the foundation and com-

pleting the monument are also among the

The National Board of Trade.

of Trade, in session here for the past two days,

has agreed on recommending to the board, to

be acted upon at its next meeting, some changes

in its organic law, which will have the effect to

increase the interest of the local bodies in its

proceedings. The rule of representation is to

be made more liberal; the current expenses are

to be kept at a low point, and its meetings are to be held at Washington uniformly, instead of

in the various cities of the country in turn, as

heretofore. The council has laid before the ap-

propriate committee of Congress the action of the

board, favoring a systematic and thorough revi-

sion of the tariff by a competent commission, to

unite with one representing the Dominion of Ca-

nada, in framing a new and broad reciprocity

treaty as a basis for negotiations between the

two governments concerned; the modification

of the navigation laws; the assertion of the gen-

eral government of its authority and jurisdic-

tion over the navigable waters of the country;

and the establishment of a department of com-

merce as a branch of the government, to have

in its charge the varied industrial and commer-

clal interests of the nation. The national board

has for years been urging upon Congress the

resumption of specie payments at the earliest

practicable time, and the council was prepared

to protest against any proposed legislation cal-

culated to interfere in any way with resump-

tion as fixed by the law of Jan., 1875, but they understood no legislation was to be attempted.

The council had no authority to express itself

officially on Mr. Hewitt's bill providing for the

free exchangeability at the sub-treasury in New

York of gold and silver coin, but its members

are all understood to be in favor of this mea-

sure, as designed to maintain a fair relative

equality between the two metals, and while

meeting all the reasonable views of the silver

men, to secure and maintain specie resumption

upon a gold basis. Thirteen cities have been

represented at the present meeting of the exec-

The District in Congress.

lumbia discussed the license bill for the District,

and decided to postpone any action on it until

after the holidays. The committee decided on Monday next to ask the House to pass the fol-lowing bills:—To authorize the Secretary of War

to construct a bridge across the Potomac, at or

near the Three Sisters islands; a bill to author-

ize the Commissioners of the District to audi-

certain claims against the Districe, and for

funding the same; also, a bill directing the

Baltimore and Ohio railroad company to remov

its track. It requires the road to enter the city

by only one street—either Delaware avenue o lst street, as it may elect.

THE ENTERPRISING DETECTIVES who wendown into Virginia to search for the remains of Mr. Stewart will have to get through the holi-

days without that \$50,000 reward. There was a

body, but it was that of a Virginian taken back

to the bosom of the Mother of Presidents .-

THE REV. BEN SOMERSET'S OFFENDING.—At Fort Gaines, Ga., the Rev. Ben Somerset, colored, has been arrested for breaking into Mrs.

George Brown's millinery store and stealing \$52. The Rev. Ben's confession implicated two of his

parishioners. All three are in jail .- [Cuthbert

The House committee on the District of Co-

utive concil, which closes to-night.

The Exective Council of the National Board

THOMAS LINCOLN GASEY,

Lieut, Col. Corps of Engineers.

and the further excavations contemplated.

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papers submitted.

the structure as the work advances.

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quantity of concrete materials received.

The roof of the old building for the storage of

Under this authority steps were taken for

On the 1st of October the engineer received

sion on the 5th of August, 1878.

pletion of the Washington Monument.

tion of Congress approved June 14, 1878.

oint commission, in compliance with the sec-

Washington News and Gossip. SENATE. GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY .- Internal revenue, \$314,373.32; customs, \$446,577.87. AT THE WHITE HOUSE,-Senator McMillan and Representatives Ittner, Page, Burchard and Robinson called on the President to-day.

THE HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTE decided this morning to hold a special meeting to consider Representative Harris' bill for the reorganization of the navy, but the date was not fixed.

THE EVENING STAR.

THE PRESIDENT sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: Postmasters-Edgar S. Hill, at Webster, Mass.; Harvey S. Roberts, at Winsted, Conn.; Everett B. Adams, at Deposit, N. Y.; Geo. A. Blocher, at National Military Home, Ohio; Milton B. DeLhong, at Ashland, Ohio; Geo. J. Langsdale, at Greencastle, Ind.; Wm. A. Noble, at Monroe. Mich.; John Parsons, at Black River Falls, Wis; Benj. F. Wright, at Charles City, Iowa; Chauncey G. Hawley, at Girard, Kan.; Calvin Shaw, at Vermillion, Dakota; Jas. N. Gale, at Olympia, W. Ter.; John P. Alexander, at Fort Worth, Texas.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE on commerce this morning heard Representatives Potter and Cox, of New York, in advocacy of the enactment of a measure by which the general government shall provide means for the protection and assistance of indigent immigrants in lieu of the state capitation tax, recently declared unconstitutional. The committee also to-day gave audience to a committee of the National Board of Trade, who presented and briefly advocated the resolutions adopted by that body.

THE BRIBERY STORY OF THE MAN BY THE NAME OF JOHNSON.-The committee on reform in the civil service did not hold a meeting today, but will resume the investigation of the charges of bribery against members of Congress in connection with the passage of the 3.65 band bill of the District, as soon as the president of the First National Bank of New York, who has been subposaned, arrives in the city.

It is Noticed that the chaplain of the House of Representatives, although he is a Methodist and governed by no formula of the church, n akes identically the same prayer each day. Evidently he is waiting for it to be answered before offering a new one.

McGarrahan Redivivus .- The House committee on public lands, at a meeting to-day, decided to take up on Tuesday next the celebrated case of McGarrahan versus the New Idria mining company. Meanwhile the members of the committee have united in a communication to Secretary Schurz requesting him to take no ac-tion of the application of the New Idria mining company for a patent until after Congress has made a disposition of the case.

THE ANSWER OF SECRETARY SHERMAN to Judge Kelly's resolution asking the amount of United States money on deposit in National banks throughout the country on account of the pro-ceeds from the sale of bonds on September 3)th and November 30th, 1878, shows the amount in round numbers to have been sixty-four million

BREV. BRIG. GEN. ISRAEL CARL WOODRUFF, colonel of engineers, U.S.A., for the last eight years in charge of the third lighthouse district, died in his house at the lighthouse depot, Tompkinsville, Staten Island, Tuesday, in the sixtythird year of his age, from Bright's disease. He took part in early government expeditions across the plains, was employed for a long time en the Mississippi river, and rendered valuable services in the construction of defences of Washington in the war.

CAPT. HENRY M. ADAMS, U. S. A., has been relieved from duty under Major C. B. Comstock, corps of engineers, on the survey of the northern and northwestern lakes, and ordered to report to this city as soon as his services can be spared, and report to the chief of engineers for

assignment to duty in his office. THE SOLDIERS' HOME .- Adjutant General Townsend, Commissary General McFeely, and Surgeon General Barnes, commissioners of the Soldiers' Home, to-day paid an official visit t

TOBACCO TO HAVE A HEARING,-The Senat committee on finance, at its meeting nex Tuesday, will give the representatives of the tobacco interest a hearing on the bill passed by the House at the last session reducing the tax from 24 to 16 cents per pound.

To HAVE DUPLICATES .- The Senate to-day passed the bill introduced last week authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue to the Manhattan Savings institution duplicates of the \$1,600,000 worth of registered bonds stolen from

THE INDICTMENT AGAINST ROBESON .- The re-

WILL STICK.—Attorney General Devens called The office made vacant by the death of Judge Shepley was tendered the Attorney General several weeks ago. The judgeship is a life posiposition of Attorney General to be brought to the attention of the President. Gen. Devens' send to the Senate the appointment of a suc-

cessor to Judge Shepley in a few days. MR. JEWITT'S NEEDLESS CABLEGRAM .- FOrwisdom of the State department.

CONFIRMATIONS.—The Senate in executive U. S. assistant treasurer at New York; Sidney W. Barnes, of Arkansas, to be U. S. attorney to be U. S. attorney for the northern district of Mississippi; G. C. Moody, of Dakota, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States for the territory of Dakota, and a large number of postmasters and minor appoint-

NAVAL ORDERS .- Assistant Engineer R. W. Galt to the Plymouth. Assistant-Engineer W. Cowles to the Boston navy yard. Assistant Engineer H. E. Frick from the Plymouth, and placed on waiting orders. Passed Assistan Surgeon C. K. Yancey from the Adams an I placed on sick leave.

THE WEEKLY STAR, now ready, contains al Terms: \$2 per annum, in advance, postage prepaid; single copies 5 cents, in wrappers.

CRIMES IN NEBRASKA.-Two men accused o stealing and murder were taken by a maske band of herders in Custer county, Nebraska, on Tuesday night and burned to death. Mrs. Kearney, of Nebraska, and her three children were found murdered in the haystack on her

N. Y. Herald.

Appeal.

Reorganization of the Army. REPORT OF THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMIS-

and complete code."

THE BILL

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN TO THE The report of the joint commission on the The Vice President laid before the Senate this reorganization of the army, appointed under merning a communication from W. W. Corcoran, act of Congress approved June 18, 1878, which Chairman of the Joint Commission for the comwas submitted to the Senate yesterday by Mr. pletion of the Washington Monument, trans-Burnside, after quoting the law governing their proce dings and giving an account of their sev-eral sessions, says: "It is not deemed necessary mitting a report of the commission, showing the extent and progress made in the work and the to give in this report minute details of the amount of money expended. The report was changes made in the laws touching the army. referred to the committee on public buildings as the bill agreed upon explains itself. Many of the sections of the bill are identical with and grounds. The letter is as follows: "In compilance with the act of Congress of these now in the Revised Statutes but as many August 2, 1876, creating the joint commission for the completion of the Washington monuchanges in the present law have been recom mended by the committee, it was deemed wise ment, I have the honor to transmit here with to make a new arrangement of all the sections copy of a report, made by Lieut, Col. Thos. L. to replace all the laws upon the statute-books lasey. U. S. engineers, in charge of the touching the army, except such chapters as the construction of the monument, showing the extent and progress made in the work commission recommends to leave unchanged, so that this bill, if adopted, will, with the unand the amount or money expended to the changed chapters referred to, make a condensed

> provides that the general officers shall be reduced to 2 major generals and 4 brigadler generals for the permanent organization, instead of 12, as at present, but the reduction is to take place by casualties; that the offices of general and lieutenant general should cease to exist with the present incumbents; that the Adjutant General's department and the Inspector General's department be consolidated under one head, viz.: "The General Staff," comprised of 1 brigadier general, 3 colonels, 6 lieutenant colonels, and 8 majors, making a total reduction of 6 officers; that the Quartermaster's department be composed of 1 brigadier general, 2 colonels, 5 lieutenant colonels and 8 majors, in all 16, a reduction of 48 officers; that the Subsistence department be composed of 1 brigadier general, 1 colonel, 2 lieutenent colonels and 5 majors, in all 9 officers, a reduction of 17 officers; that the Medical department be composed of 1 brigadier general, 6 colonels, 10 lieutenant colonels, 48 majors, and 120 captains, 2 first lieutenants, in all 187 officers, making a reduction of 11 officers; that the Pay department be composed of 1 brigadler general, 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant colonel, and 25 majors, in all 28, making a reduction of 27 officers; that the Ordnance department be composed of 1 brigadier general, 2 colonels, 4 lieutenant colonels, and 8 majors, in all 15 officers, making a reduction of 49 officers; that the Bureau of Military Justice be composed of 1 colonel and 2 majors, in all 3 officers, a reduction of 6 officers; that the Signal Service remain unchanged; that the office of post chaplain be abolished, but that I regimental chaplain be appointed for each cavalry and infantry regiment-in all, 35 officers. making a reduction of s; that the officers of the corps of engineers remain unchanged; that the corps of artillery shall consist of 5 regiments, as present, with a reduction of 15 in the number of officers; that the corps of cavalry shall consist of 8 regiments, instead of 10, as at present; that the corps of infantry shall consist of 18 regiments, instead of 25, as at present, with a reduction of 136 in the number of officers; that each regiment of the line shall consist of 4 battallons, 3 of which are to be officered and manned, but the fourth to remain unofficered and unmanned until especially authorized by Congress; that 3 battalions of each regiment of cavalry shall be made for the present, and that but 2 batteries of each of the regiments of artillery shall be manned for the present; that the company officers of the line shall be detailed for service in the staff department, as many as possible in rotation; that promotions shall be made by seniority in the different corps and departments, but that appointments to the rank of major, the lowest established grade in the staff department (other than the medical department), shall be made from the captains and first lieutenants of the line in the order of merit and service in the said departments, but such appointments in the ordnance department are to be made only from the artillery; that when becomes necessary to officer and man the fourth battery, the appointments of officers shall be made by seniority in the separate corps and vacancies in the lowest grade shall be filled by West Point graduates and meritorious soldiers; that the present organization shall not exceed 28,000 enlisted men, exclusive of signal soldiers; that the limit to the retired list be removed for the present, and that certain officers, not provided from the new organization, be placed upon it; that a reserve list shall be created, upon which supernumerary officers, made so by the new organization, are to be placed for a period not to exceed three years, unless otherwise ordered by Congress; tha necessary boards shall be ordered and organized to make recommendations for the proposed reductions, and that the reductions shall be rin on the 1st of July, 1879, and to be completed by the 1st of January, 1880; that in the assignment of officers retained in the new organization, seniority of commission in the army shall govern the order; but assignment shall be made without reference to corps; that the manufac-

officers at the age of 62 years, the pay of retired officers, and the reorganization of the present retired list upon the principles of the bill. INTERESTING NOTES BY CABLE.-Prince Gortschakoff has formally resumed the direction of the foreign office at St. Petersburg. Much excitement is reported in Constantinople over the conspiracy against the Sultan. Romer, the Hungarian-American conspirator, has been turned over to the United States consul. An Afghan official, it is said, has arrived in Gen. Browne's camp and invited him to Cabal. It is also stated that the Ameer has sent a message to Major Cavagnari, begging for peace and ask ing no conditions. It is further reported that the Ameer has blown the commander of Ali Musjid from a cannon's mouth. Chinese embassies are going to Russia, France and Eagland. It is understood that only the Russian Envoy has left Cabul, and not the mission. Sir Stafford Northcote declares that England would not acquiesce in Russian interference in Afghanistan. Dissatisfaction with the French cabinet continues. The French chamber of deputies has adjourned sine die, empowering M. Grevy to call a meeting in the event of a necessity. Admiral Juarez is officially announced as

ture of ordnance and ordnance stores by the

ordnance department be prohibited, and that

all purchases of arms and ammunition be made

in open market or by contract. Remaining

sections of the bill provide for the abolishment

of the office of post trader, the retirement of

French ambassador to Spain. Fort Vancouver, Columbia river, Washington territory, who recently married Miss Nannie M. Smith, of this city, granddaughter of the late Prof. N. R. Smith, left with his young bride in the 9 o'clock train last night, via Chicago, St. Paul and San Francisco, for his post. They will be about three weeks reaching their destination. Lieut Wood is one of the officers of Gen. Howard's staff, and served in the late unpleasantness with the Nez Perces Indians. Two years ago be made a geological survey of Alaska.-

BANK ROBBERY .- While the treasurer of the Trust Company in Thompsonville, Conn., was at dinner, Wednesday, his residence being over the bank, a burglar got in through a rear window, prized open a drawer and took \$1,000 which had been left for deposit during the forenoon. He was frightened away by a man appearing at the front door, but took the money with him. He left a "jimmy," which was rolled up in a New York German newspaper, and a carpet-bag. It is thought he had confederates and intended to go into the vault.

THE AMERICAN ELECTRICAL SOCIETY in Chicago, yesterday elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Anson Stager; vice presidents, C. H. Haskins, E. P. Wright, O. H. Booth, F. L. Pope, Elisha Gray, J. J. S. Wilson, and George T. Williams; corresponding secretary, F. W. Jones; recording secretary, C. S. Jones; treasurer, E. B. Chandler; librarian, C. H. Wilson.

A RECEPTION was given at New York last night to Col. J. M. Keating, editor of the Memphis Appeal, in recognition of his heroic fidelity to his profession during the late yellow fever scourge, by the New York Press Club.

The Alexandria Gazette says that Colonel Mosby will sail from San Francisco for Hong Kong, in the City of Peking, on the 4th January. 13 A postal card from Chicago announces that Silas Patterson, son of the Senator, passed through that city on the 5th instant, en route for San Francisco, where he proposes to enter journalism.

* ? * The city council of Norfolk has resolved that the free schools shall not lack for funds on account of any failure of assistance from the

Mr. Walter McGee, who was recently married in Carroll county, Va., had at the time 104 grandchildren. An educated colored minister in Virginia and more than a hundred freedmen want to settle at Cape Palmas, in the southern part of Liberia, in West Africa. 25 Young Whelan, of Jersey City, who ab-sconded with several thousand dollars from New

York and who was arrested in Canada, was arraigned in New York yesterday. He pleaded Messrs, Turnbuil & Co., of St. John, N. B. have lost over one hundred thousand dollars in bonds carried off from their safe, cannot conjecture how the robbery was effected or when. The safe combination was only known to the members of the firm and their confidential clerk. FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

FRIDAY, December 13. SENATE.-The Vice President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, enclosing a letter from the chief of the engineer corps stating that under the law, as it now stands, if the office of chief of engineers

should become vacant no appointment to fill the vacancy could be made. The Secretary submits the draft of a bill to remedy the diffi culty. Referred to committee on military af-Also, a communication from the Secretary of War calling attention to the case of Wm. English, late a cadet at West Point, and suggesting

such legislation as will enable the President to appoint him second lieutenant in the army. Referred to committee on military affairs. Also a communication from the late constitutional convention of California remonstrating

against any treaty with France which will reduce the import duties on wines and spirits. Referred to the committee on foreign relations. Also a communication from the joint commission appointed to complete the Washington monument transmitting copies of reports showing the extent and progress of the work. Referred to the committee on public buildings and Mr. Kernan presented resolutions of the city

council of Brooklyn, N. Y., favoring the passage of the bill granting a pension to the widow of Rear Admiral Paulding. Referred to the committee on rensions. On motion of Mr. McDonald, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourn to-day it be to

meet on Monday next. Mr. Dennis presented a petition of the Baltimore Academy of Sciences and the Baltimore Medical Association, favoring the appointment of a commission of competent persons to inquire as to the cause of epidemic diseases, manner of treatment, means of prevention, &c. Referred to the select committee appointed to consider

that subject. Bills were introduced and referred as follows: By Mr. Coke-To authorize the Secretary of War to contract with the Galveston and Carmargo Railway Company for the immediate construction of its line of road to Rio Grande City, opposite Carmargo, Mexico, and as a coast defence, and for the purpose of establishing a commercial and military rall highway to the Rio Grande. Referred to the committee on railroads. By Mr. Withers-For the relief of certain citizens of Lynbhburg, Va , and refunding to them tax erroneously collected on manufac tured tobacco. Referred to the committee on finance. By Mr. Matthews-For the relief of Colonel Lyman M. Kellogg. Referred to the committee on military affairs. By Mr. Gordon, (by request)-Amendments to Senate bill to organize the National Railway Company of the United States. Ordered that they be printed and referred to the committee on rail roads. By Mr. Eaton-Bill for the relief of the widow of General Joseph K. F. Mansfield. Referred to the committee on the judiciary. By Mr. Plumb-To provide for the temporary increase of the army in an emergency. Referred to the committee on military affairs At the expiration of the morning hour the

Senate resumed the consideration of the untinished business, being Mr. Edmunds' bill in regard to the count of the electoral vote, and Mr. Bayard spoke in favor of the bill. HOUSE.—The privileges of the floor were

granted to the members of the National Board of Trade, now in session in Washington. Mr. Kelley asked leave to offer resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to coin balances to the credit of the Treasury, on funding account, in the several national banks, on the first of each month, from March, 1876, to January, 1879.

Mr. Burchard objected. Mr. Shelley, from committee on railways and canals, reported bill to authorize the Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad company to construct a narrow guage railway from tide water to St. Louis and Chicago. Recommitted. Mr. Calkins (by request) introduced a bill to organize the National Railway Company. Re-

Mr. Wilson asked leave to offer a resolution that in the allowance of pensions and bounty claims on account of the war of 1812, computation shall be made of all the time of service between June, 1812, and March, 1815. Objection

was made. Mr. Kenna, rising to a personal explanation, referred to sweeping charges made in the public press against members of the committee of enrolled bills for drunkenness at the close of the last session. He denounced such charges as unqualifiedly false, and filed statements of the Speaker and other officers of the House in support of his statement.

The bills on the Speaker's table since last session) were taken up and referred to committees-except where objections were made; as was the case with the bill to repeal the resumption act, and the bill to extend the time for constructing the Northern Pacific railroad. These bills remain on the Speaker's table. The resolution looking to the investigation of the official conduct of J. I. Davenport, U. S. supervisor of election, has been adopted without

objection, after being amended so as to make

the investigation extend to his conduct on the days of registration. CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL.—The board of directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company met at Barnum's yesterday, Mr. A. P. Gorman, the president, in the chair. The reports for November showed that the gross receipts of the canal during the month were \$38,381.28, and the tonnage transported over it \$5,762 tons, an increase of 12,462 tons over the corresponding month of last year. During the present year 600,016 tons have been taken over the canal, while in 1877 the number of tons was 603,696, an increase for this year of nearly 27,000 tons. A resolution was passed authorizing the president to close navigation on the canal at any time not later than January 1st. There appears to be an impression that Mr. Gorman, the president, will dissolve his connection with the board six months hence, at the close of the fiscal year of the company, June 1st, and several members of the board, when questioned as to

THE DEATH PENALTY IN CANADA.-GOVERNOR General Lorne and his ministers at Ottawa have declined to grant either a reprieve or a commutation of the death sentence of Costa Fraley. the condemned murderer of Matheron, the slik pedier, who is sentenced to die to-day at St. John's, P.Q. Fraley now confesses the murder. but says it was committed within American

the accuracy of these reports, showed that they

rather believed in their truth.-[Balt, American

WHISKY CAUSED HIS DEATH. - Isaac Like, while under the influence of liquor, went to sleep on the raffroad track near Farmington. W. Va., yesterday, after having been ejected from the Cumberland accommodation train going east. The west-bound accommodation train came along and struck him, cutting off both his legs and mangling his body. The remains were gathered up and carried in a sheet to Mannington, where the deceased has a wife and six children.

HEATING NEW YORK BY STEAM.-Mayor Ely of New York, has approved the resolution, passed by the board of aldermen, authorizing the Spinola company to lay steam pipes in certain streets. The experiment is to be tried in a few blocks in a suitable part of it proves a success the mayor thinks it could be generally extended, under such conditions as would secure a good revenue to the city.

A LIFE-SAVING CORPS OF NEWSBOYS .- For the past two years there has been a volunteer lifesaving corps who patrol the East river front. New York city, day and night, and who in that time have saved twenty-two persons from drowning. The corps is composed mainly of newsboys, who, with their own means, have purchased a boat and life-saving lines.

LIEUT. BENNER'S FAMILY .- The wife and family of the brave Lieut. Benner left Atlanta, Ga., on Wednesday, for their future home, at Eigin, Ill. Mrs. Benner has received \$1,200 so far, which is invested in government bonds, and considerable money is yet to be turned in. It is stated that Senator Gordon will press for a pen-

A MOLLIE MAGUIRE'S LAST HOPE.—Mrs. Kehoe, wife of Jack Kehoe, the Pennsylvania Mollie Maguire, submitted to the state board of pardons on Wednesday an affidavit by one Patrick McHugh, formerly a tax collector in Carbon county, tending to prove an alib! for Kehoe. It is doubtful, however, whether the evidence is as strong as represented.

A THRILLING ESCAPE FROM DEATH OCCUPRED vesterday at the Passaic falls. A man and boy in a lumber wagon were carried off by the flood, and would have gone over the falls but for the presence of mind of some spectators who threw lines to the despairing man and boy as they passed beneath the bridge above the rapids. They were quickly hauled up out of danger, while the wagon and its load plunged over the falls.

THE HIGH WATER has caused all the mills at Lowell and Lawrence, Mass., to sespend work. In Maine some of the railroads are so seriously damaged that it will require a week to put them in running order. The Delaware river at Bordentown, N. J., is so high that no trains are arriving or departing.

Telegrams to The Star.

THE UNION LEAGUE. Election of Officers.

PHILAPELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Yesterday's session of the Union League of America, at the Continental hotel, was more largely attended than the day before, many of the members of the national council arriving from the western and southern states to take part in the deliberations of the supreme body. The council reconvened at 10 o'clock, ex-Gov. Newell, of New Jersey, presiding. An address to the nation was adopted, and the following officers for the ensulng year were elected: Hon, Wm. A. Newell. ex-governor of New Jersey, president; C. W. Goddard, New York; Thos. R. Rich, Missouri; Jerome F. Chaffee, Colorado; Marshall Jewell, Connecticut; Gen. Ulman, New York; Geo. C. Gorham, California; Jas. G. McQuade, Pennsylvania; Geo. H. Harrow, Illinois; C. H. Grosvener, Ohio, and Wm. E. Chandler, New Hampshire, vice presidents; Samuel T. Gwinner, Pennsylvania, recording secretary; Thos. G. Baker, New York, corresponding secretary; J. W. H. Hacks, Pennsylvania, sergeant-at-arms; J. W. Bartlett, Massachusetts, marshal; Rev. Henry Highland Garnett, chaplain. Arrangements were then completed for the appointment of an executive committee of ten members, five of whom are to be in New York and five in Washington, and after transacting some routine business the council adjourned.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The Grand Duchess of Hesse Worse. PARMSTADT, Dec. 13.—The condition of the Grand Duchess of Hesse is alarming, the fever having increased and the swelling having reached the larynx.

British Success in Afghanistan. LAHORE, Dec. 13 -The officials and notables of the City of Jellalabad have arrived at Dakha to tender their submission and services to the British authorities. The news from Cabal represents that eight regiments of Afghan infantry there have shown a distinctination to fight. The natives in the south of the Shutargardan Pass seem friendly to the British. The following dispatch, from General Roberts, is dated on the 5th instant: "I hope to reach the top of the Shutargardan Pass to-day. I shall then return to Alikehl."

Illness of Ruskin. Lendon, Dec. 13.—It is understood that John Ruskin will decline a re-election to the slade Professorship of Fine Arts in the Oxford University on account of Ill-health,

Queen Victoria Threatened. Lexpon, Dec. 13 .- A man named Madin was arraigned at Bow street to-day, charged with having made threats against the life of Queen

Defalcation of a County Treasurer and Consequent Run on Banks. Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The suspension and detaleation of Jame H. Wright, county treasurer, was made public last Monday. There have been serious reports of loss on the part of the banks and others growing out of complications with Mr. Wright as his bondsmen and endorsers. A run began on the First National Bank on Friday, and continued until \$50,000 had been drawn out. After an examination of the assets by the directors, they decided them more than sufficient to meet all liabilities and leave a surplus. Telegrams were sent and funds came this morning in response thereto, but as the excitement was increasing the directors concluded to return them and stop business. It s possible the bank may now go into liquidation. The shrinkage in the value of real estate here during the past five years has left a proportion of overdue paper, which has rendered this course advisable. A run began on the Commercial Bank as soon as the Frst Nati. n d stopped,

and now that has also stopped. Suit Against Gen. Sheridan. New York, Dec. 13.-Gen. Butler announced the close of the plaintiff's case to day in suit of Whalen against Gen, Sheridan in the I S. Circuit Court, Gen. Butler objected to the dmission of the defendant's amendment to answer complaint having been amended two days after the trial had commenced. But Judge Wallace, after a long argument between Butler and Mr. Beckwith, U.S. district attorney, of Louisiana, decided to admit it.

An Express Robber Convicted. POTTSVILLE, Dec. 13.—Isaac Millen, who was arrested in Illinois some days ago and brought here charged with robbing the express office of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company, at Ashiand, in February last, was this morning committed for trial in default of \$2,000

After the Flood. PITTSTON, Pa., Dec. 13,-The Susquehanna river fell six feet last night, and is still falling rapidly. The washout on the Lehigh valley and the Lackawana and Bloomberg railroad have been repaired, and trains are running through

Requested Change in Canadian Lieutenant-Governorship.

QUEBEC, Dec. 13.—All the conservative members of the legislature of Quebec have signed a petition praying for the removal of Lieutenant

Governor Leteilier.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—Virginia sixes, deferred, 7%; do. consolidated, 55%; do. second series, 31; do. past due coupons, 80%. North Carolina sixes, o'd. 16; do. new. 9; do. special tax. 2½ bid to-day. Surar quiet—A soft, 8%, 29%.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—Flour market steady—Howard street and western super, 2.75a3.25; do. extra, 3.50a4.00; do. family, 4.25a5.25; city mills super, 2.75a3.25; do. extra, 3.50a4.00; do. Rio brands, 5.25a5.50; Patapseo family, 6.25. Wheat, sonthern dull but not quotably lower; western in active and higher—southern red, 95a1.03; do. amber, 1.94a1.07; No. 2 Pennsylvania red, 1.05% bid. No. 2 western winter red, spot and December, 1.04%; Janusry, 1.05%, al.05%; I ebruary, 1.07. Corn, southern active and firm; western firmer but quiet—southern white, 43a46; do. yellow, 42%, a45%; western mixed, spot, cld. 46%; new, spot and December, The Markets. mixed, spot, old, 46%; new, spot and December, 45%; January, 45; February, 45% asked; steamer, 39%. Oats scarce and firm—southern and Pennsylvania. 28a32; western white, 31a32; do mixed, 28a 30. Rye quiet and nominal—southern, 55a57. Hay valua. 25a32; western white, 51a52; do. Inixed, 25a
30. Rye quiet and nominal—southern, 55a57. Hay
dull and heavy—prime Pennsylvania and Maryland,
10.00a11.06. Provisions quiet and fair jobbing trade
only. Mess pork, 8.25. Bulk meats—loose shoulders,
3; clear rib sides, 4a4's. Bacon—shoulders, old,
3½; clear rib sides, new, 5½. Hams, new, 9a10.
Lard—refined, tierces, 7. Butter more steady but Lard—refined, tierces, 7. Butter more steady but quiet—choice western packed, 16a18; rolls, 15a17. Petroleum dull and weak—crude, 7½; refined, 3½. Coffee duli and nominal—Rio carsoes, 11a17. Whisky firm, 1.09a1.09½. Freights to Liverpool per steamer lower—cotton, ½d.; flour, 2s 3d.; grain, 8d. Rec.ipts—flour, 4,500; wheat, 20,090; corn, 43,000; oats, 1.000. Shipments—wheat, 41,000. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Stocks heavy. Money, 3a 3½. Gold, 100%. Exchange, long, 482%; short, 487. Governments strong.

Corn quiet.

LONDON, Dec. 13, 12:30 p. m.—Consols, 94 5-16 for money and 94 9-16 for the account, U. S. bonds, four-and-a-half per cents., 106%; 1867s, 108%. Erie, 18%. Illinois Central, 78%. FLORIDA SOLIDLY DEMOCRATIC.-Special correspondence of the Baltimore Gazette from Tallahasse, December 10, says: The state board of canvassers met here to-day to canvass the vote of the November election and issued certificates

of election to Davidson and Hull as members of

overnments strong. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.-Flour quiet. Wheat quiet

Congress from Florida: both are democrats. MR. FERNANDO WOOD IS IN LUCK, the New York Herald says. His house and stable, for which New York city paid him years ago, are, one of the judges holds, technically an obstruction, but as their removal would necessite an expense without a corresponding benefit to the city, the best thing to do is to let them stand.

SHOCKING CRIME OF A BOY .- A lad about 13 years of age, named Boyce, residing with his mother near Greensborough, in the second election district, suffering his passions to get the mastery over him, knocked his little sister down with a club on Sunday afternoon last, and thinking he had killed her cut his own throat making a frightful wound. He is in a critical condition, but Dr. Betson, his attending physician, has hopes of his recovery .- [Denton (Caroline county) Union.

GOV. COLQUITT EXONERATED.—The committee who were appointed by the Georgia legislature. at the request of Governor Colquitt, in his special message, to investigate his motives and conduct in signing the bonds of the Northeast ern Railroad, have made a unanimous report, They completely and fully exonerate the governor of being influenced by any unworthy mo-

SUICIDE FROM GRIEF.—Erastus Barnes committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn at Enfield, Fayette county, Iowa, Wednesday. He was a noted dealer in live stock and had amassed quite a fortune. Two years since he lost his wife and has been ever since broo over this misfortune. He committed the act

while in a mood of temporary insanity. ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP IN OHIO .- An attempt was made near South Woodbury, Morrow county, Ohio, to abduct the little son of Samuel Brown, a wealthy farmer, on Sunday morning. He was returning from Sunday school alone, on horseback, when a rough looking man on horseback met him, and with pistol in hand ordered the boy to follow him. Circumstances happened, after a ride of several hours, whereby they chanced to come upon a party of following they chanced to come upon a party of folks and the boy managed to escape,

MR. BIRDSALL went to Lake county, Dakota, to buy land, just as the political canvass was opened. He concluded that he would like to be sheriff, and without hesitation, although an entire stranger to the people, announced himself as a candidate. He was elected, too.

12 The Chicago Journal Wishes all the gold coins under \$5 called in and kept in, as inconveniently small. Mr. Sothern has cancelled all his engagements in America and England and will spend the winter in Italy. He has somewhat re overed from the attack of illness brought on by

overwork. ted against Goldsmith Maid's 2.14% record, and made the first heat in 2,16% and the second in 2.141, a running horse accompanying bim. Barbum and Bonner are busy Bs, and

wealthy ones, too. Each attributes his success to liberal advertising.

W ANTED-You to know that a first-class SEO OND-HAND SUIT is better and cheaper than a READY-MADE NEW ONE. Try at JUSTIPS Old Stand, No. 619 D street, between 6th and 7th streets northwest, or Branch Store, No. 442 9th street northwest. N. B.—Very good prices paid for first-class Second-hand Clothing. Rotes by main promptly attended to.